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I encourage everyone in industry with ideas and insight into responsible information sharing, technical standards, and the acquisition process to contribute to the ACT-IAC Survey on standards-based acquisitions [1]. The deadline for the survey was just extended to May 4th, 2012.

We want to hear from you! As GSA Associate Administrator of Government-wide Policy and Vice President At Large for the American Council for Technology Kathleen Turco explained on this blog last week [2], we are seeking to improve the GSA acquisition policy to better support responsible information sharing through technical standards.

Your survey responses will contribute to a white paper by the American Council for Technology-Industry Advisory Council (ACT-IAC), a non-profit, public/private partnership focused on IT in government, that was requested and is sponsored by the General Services Administration Office of Government-wide Policy (GSA-OGP) and our office at the Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE). The white paper will provide industry insights to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and other Administration policymakers.

From ACT-IAC:

> ?ACT-IAC is seeking industry feedback for the white paper on **the motivation, incentives, and rationale for using technical standards in systems development and maintenance**. We would like to understand **which kinds of standards are most valuable** and the extent to which they are adopted, being adopted, or could be adopted for government and commercial projects, including what the U.S. Government can do to stimulate, broaden, and deepen the use of these standards. For the white paper, we would like to **identify and describe barriers to standards-based approaches** and how, through public-private collaboration, those barriers can be reduced. Finally, we would like to learn from industry **what tools it needs to better work with government on standards-based acquisitions**.?

Please contribute to this important survey today. [1]

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